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//ARGENTINA: AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR OF RESISTING PRESIDENTIAL EFFORTS TO BRING THE ARMY INTO A MAJOR ROLE IN THE COUNTER-TERRORIST CAMPAIGN, ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL ANAYA HAS BEGUN A SWEEP AGAINST ONE OF THE GUERRILLA STRONGHOLDS. THE TURNABOUT CAN PROBABLY BE ATTRIBUTED TO MILITARY DISSATISFACTION WITH POLICE INEFFECTIVENESS AND THE CONVICTION AMONG ARMY LEADERS THAT PUBLIC OPINION NOW IS PREPARED PSYCHOLOGICALLY TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THE POLICE ALONE CANNOT STAMP OUT TERRORISM. THE FIRST TARGET OF THE ARMY DRIVE IS IN THE NORTHWEST PROVINCE OF TUCUMAN, WHERE THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY IS PARTICULARLY STRONG. THE GUERRILLAS HAVE LONG HAD THE SYMPATHY OF LOCAL WORKERS IN THE DEPRESSED SUGAR INDUSTRY, AND SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL TRAINING CAMPS FOR THE INSURGENTS ARE LOCATED IN THE NEARBY MOUNTAINS. THE ARMY REPORTEDLY HAS LEARNED THE LOCATION OF KEY GUERRILLA ENCAMPMENTS AND HOPES TO WIPE THEM OUT. THE GUERRILLAS, WHO ARE AWARE OF GOVERNMENT PREPARATIONS FOR THE OFFENSIVE BY NOW, MAY HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO ELUDE THE TROOPS BEING SENT INTO THE REGION. (SECRET 3.5(c)

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